

How Many Kinds of Fish Live In The District of Columbia?



What fish can you name?

Did you know that there are about 78 different types of fish that live in the District of Columbia? On a separate piece of paper, write down all the different types of fish that you think live in D.C.. When your done look at the back to see all 78 types.

What's in a name?

Did you know that all fish have more than one name? That's right, in fact most fish have at least two names, a scientific name and a common name. Most people use common names to identify fish, an example of a common name would be bluegill. One problem with common names is that more than one fish might have the same common name. One such example of two different fish having the same name is the angelfish, there are angelfish that live in freshwater and angelfish that come from saltwater, and they are very different fish. This is why fish have another name known as a scientific name. Scientists need to know exactly which fish is which, and since more than one fish might have the same common name, scientists do not use common names. Instead scientists, like fisheries biologists, use a scientific names. A scientific name has two parts, which is made up of a genus and species name, for example the scientific name for the bluegill found in the District of Columbia, is Lepomis macrochirus. A scientific name is unique to each species of fish, no two fish have the same name.



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1. sea lamprey	27. spotfin shiner	53. green sunfish
<u>Petromyzon marinus</u>	<u>Cyprinella spiloptera</u>	<u>Lepomis cyanellus</u>
2. longnose gar	28. common carp	54. pumpkinseed
<u>Lepisosteus osseus</u>	<u>Cyprinus carpio</u>	<u>Lepomis gibbosus</u>
3. shortnose gar	29. cutlips minnow	55. warmouth
<u>Lepisosteus platostomus</u>	<u>Exoglossum maxillingua</u>	<u>Lepomis gulosus</u>
4. blueback herring	30. eastern silvery minnow	56. bluegill
<u>Alosa aestivalis</u>	<u>Hybognathus regius</u>	<u>Lepomis macrochirus</u>
5. hickory shad	31. common shiner	57. longear sunfish
<u>Alosa mediocris</u>	<u>Luxilus cornutus</u>	<u>Lepomis megalotis</u>
6. alewife	32. golden shiner	58. redear sunfish
<u>Alosa pseudoharengus</u>	<u>Notemigonus crysoleucas</u>	<u>Lepomis microlophus</u>
7. American shad	33. comely shiner	59. smallmouth bass
<u>Alosa sapidissima</u>	<u>Notropis amoenus</u>	<u>Micropterus dolomieu</u>
8. Atlantic menhaden	34. bridle shiner	60. largemouth bass
<u>Brevoortia tyrannus</u>	<u>Notropis bifrenatus</u>	<u>Micropterus salmoides</u>
9. gizzard shad	35. spottail shiner	61. white crappie
<u>Dorosoma cepedianum</u>	<u>Notropis hudsonius</u>	<u>Pomoxis annularis</u>
10. bay anchovy	36. swallowtail shiner	62. black crappie
<u>Anchoa mitchilli</u>	<u>Notropis procne</u>	<u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u>
11. American eel	37. rosyface shiner	63. tessellated darter
<u>Anguilla rostrata</u>	<u>Notropis rubellus</u>	<u>Etheostoma olmstedi</u>
12. rainbow trout	38. bluntnose minnow	64. johny darter
<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u>	<u>Pimephales notatus</u>	<u>Etheostoma nigrum</u>
13. brown trout	39. fathead minnow	65. yellow perch
<u>Salmo trutta</u>	<u>Pimephales promelas</u>	<u>Perca flavescens</u>
14. white catfish	40. blacknose dace	66. walleye
<u>Ameiurus catus</u>	<u>Rhinichthys atratulus</u>	<u>Stizostedion vitreum</u>
15. yellow bullhead	41. longnose dace	67. white perch
<u>Ameiurus natalis</u>	<u>Rhinichthys cataractae</u>	<u>Morone americana</u>
16. brown bullhead	42. creek chub	68. striped bass
<u>Ameiurus nebulosus</u>	<u>Semotilus atromaculatus</u>	<u>Morone saxatilis</u>
17. blue catfish	43. fallfish	69. banded killifish
<u>Ictalurus furcatus</u>	<u>Semotilus corporalis</u>	<u>Fundulus diaphanus</u>
18. channel catfish	44. quillback carpsucker	70. mummichog
<u>Ictalurus punctatus</u>	<u>Carpoides cyprinus</u>	<u>Fundulus heteroclitus</u>
19. margined madtom	45. white sucker	71. inland silverside
<u>Noturus insignis</u>	<u>Catostomus commersoni</u>	<u>Menidia beryllina</u>
20. grass pickerel	46. creek chubsucker	72. Atlantic needlefish
<u>Esox americanus</u>	<u>Erimyzon oblongus</u>	<u>Strongylura marina</u>
21. chain pickerel	47. northern hog sucker	73. eastern mosquitofish
<u>Esox niger</u>	<u>Hypentelium nigricans</u>	<u>Gambusia holbrooki</u>
22. northern pike	48. golden redhorse	74. striped mullet
<u>Esox lucius</u>	<u>Moxostoma erythrurum</u>	<u>Mugil cephalic</u>
23. muskellunge	49. shorthead redhorse	75. white mullet
<u>Esox masquinongy</u>	<u>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</u>	<u>Mugil curema</u>
24. goldfish	50. rock bass	76. spot
<u>Carassius auratus</u>	<u>Ambloplites rupestris</u>	<u>Leiostomus xanthurus</u>
25. rosyface dace	51. flier	77. hogchoker
<u>Clinostomus funduloides</u>	<u>Centrarchus macropterus</u>	<u>Trinectes maculatus</u>
26. satinfin shiner	52. redbreast sunfish	78. summer flounder
<u>Cyprinella analostana</u>	<u>Lepomis auritus</u>	<u>Paralichthys dentatus</u>

